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COLLECTORS' NOTICE.

W. P. DANIELS is now canvassing and collecting in Washington County.

Our Agent Mr. S. I. SMALL will call upon Subscribers in Frankfort, on Friday, Aug. 1st.

Mr. JOHN R. NELLY, recently appointed travelling agent for the Farmer with our subscribers in New Brunswick during the month of August and September.

The Scholar's Jubilee.

We are now passing through the season of commencement and the gladness days of the scholar's jubilee. Every college and university in the United States, at some time between June and September, will celebrate the close of the old year, or, theoretically, the commencement of another academic year, by conventional festivities literary and social, every feature of which is unalterably established by a time-honored usage.

Iaparissi, it would be an inexcusable irregularity in a "down east" college, a departure from immemorial custom which would doubtless work a forfeiture of all claims upon the smiles and favors of the patron saint, if the anniversary festival should occur on any other day than Wednesday. All preliminary exercises and subsidiary appointments must be fixed with reference to this unquestioned and irreverable decree.

Accordingly on Sunday evening a venerable Doctor of Divinity, distinguished above his fellows for piety and learning, appears among the early graduates with his chosen sectarian notions embodied in a sermon for the benefit of the religious societies of the college, and such "outside barbarians," as may have a taste and inclination for that kind of entertainment. Next your Juniors demand for a prime with voracious and competitive zeal, and your orator and poet from abroad entertain the literary societies and assembled populace. Then the graduates assemble on the green under the shadow of the conventional oak, act over again "with firmer nerves," the little tragedies and comedies of their checked past, daily with bright visions of the future, listen to the farewell address and smoke the salutes of peace before entering upon the great world of which they know so little. Finally, on the great day these proud little candidates for the Bachelor's degree appear in their shining new clothes and stately robes, defantly gazing upon the "tears of upturned faces" and "most ignorant of what they are most assured" speak their oration or dissertation on "Ethical Culture," "Human Reason," "Individuality," &c., and then go out to begin their courses in life, constantly surprised that the world can "bear" with equanimity such annual inundations of talent.

It must not be forgotten that the "grand concert" by "somebody" ("full band," with the aid perhaps of some "bright Cecilia," to raise the wonder higher with its "voical breath," invariably comes in at a reasonable hour, partly as a financial operation and partly to give continuity and col to the performances.

Last of all is the wretched dinner, the respectable puma and witcisms, and the inevitable subscription paper.

Such is the programme. Every year the dutiful sons, representatives of nearly all the classes, some with board whitened by the frosts of years. Some with "uncertain property of board," some sickle dower with the pale cast of thought, and some rough, visaged and hardened by the active business of life, or browned by the ardent sun of other climes, hasten from a thousand pursuits to pay their respects to their alma mater, to exchange friendly greetings with one another, revive old associations and join in the festivities. It is the old, old story; but it will continue to be told and told in the same old way, and yet will always find listeners. It is pleasant sometimes to withdraw from the entanglements and sordid requirements of business, and yield ourselves to the alluring pleasures of literature and the facile graces of rhetoric at these literary festivals. It is fitting sometimes to withdraw the thoughts from the idle of our daily worship and indulge them in the amity of letters. In an age when the tendencies to practical results and objects of utility would seem to destroy our homage for some of the best interests of the mind, it is well sometimes to rise above the domain of use, to that of ornament and art—to attend upon the delights of pure scholarship and the charms of esthetic culture. It is pleasant to dwell upon the humanities of education, the skillful lines and fair forms of beauty, and Sir Philip Sidney's "sweet and sacred mysteries of poesy." We love to breathe the air from the treasure rooms of poetic learning, or as Charles Lamb has it, to "inhale learning as we walk amid the foliage of an old library where the odor of the moth-scented coverings is as fragrant as the first bloom of those scented apples that grow wild and happy orchard."

All this is refreshing for a gay day. But to men who have long been contending with the stubborn realities of life, and who have seen almost end lost to success, the question naturally suggested by the numerous abounds of commencement exercises is whether after all the course of study is any New England College is calculated to give them such a training as will best fit them for any of the active pursuits of life. In other words they wish to know if their sons can get a practical education at these colleges. They may be opportunities to consider this question next week.

Mr. Abbott, the State Superintendent of Common Schools, has issued a circular to the School Committees in the several towns in the State, asking their co-operation and assistance in the educational campaign of the ensuing fall and winter. He appeals to them to aid in filling our Normal Schools at Farmington and Castine. It devolves upon educators and open School Committees especially to make these schools known to our young men and women, and to urge upon all preparing to teach the great necessity of such a preparatory drill as the Normal School affords.

He urges early preparation for the fall and winter schools, and the necessity of conducting the examination of teachers thoroughly and conscientiously, making no compromise with ignorance and incompetency, and rejecting all applicants who are unqualified for the sacred duty of training the sons and daughters of the people.

The Central Homopathic Medical Society held its annual meeting at Waterville, Wednesday, July 26th, at the office of Dr. Pulsifer. Many interesting and valuable papers on medical subjects were read and discussed. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President—Dr. J. B. Bell, Augusta; Vice-Presidents—Dr. J. W. Savage, Wiscasset, and F. A. Roberts, North Yarmouth; Secretary—Dr. D. C. Perkins, Clinton. The semi-annual meeting will be held in Augusta the third Wednesday in January, 1870.

The CLIPPER MOWERS. By reference to Mr. Gilbert's advertisement in another column, it will be seen that at the recent trial of mowing machine in Bangor, the Clipper one-horse mower was awarded the preference over the Knifite, which was put in competition with it.

Rev. Mr. W. A. P. Dillingham of Chicago, a clergyman of the Church of the New Jerusalem, will preach at the Winthrop street church in this city, next Sunday morning and evening, commencing at the usual hour of service.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION recently held in Portland, was voted unanimously voted by the pastor and laymen of the Maine delegation to hold a State Sabbath School Convention in Lewiston, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 21st, 22d, and 23d next. The Committee of Arrangements for the above Convention will meet at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in Lewiston on Friday of the present week.

THE HUGH DE PAYNES.—The visit of the Marquis Sir Knights to Augusta, of the commencement of which we gave a brief account in our last, ended as agreeably as it began. At the close of the festivities at the Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the Hugh de Paynes, escorted by Trinity Commandery, marched to their quarters at the Augusta House, and the evening was spent in social enjoyment with their masonic brethren of this city and vicinity, and other of our citizens who embraced the occasion to make and renew acquaintance with many estimable gentlemen connected with the visiting Encampment.

Thursday forenoon was devoted to visiting the State House, Eastern Hospital, Togus Asylum and other places of interest in the city and vicinity. In the afternoon the visiting and resident Encampments paraded, marching through the principal streets across the river to the Arsenal Grounds, thence back to Market Square, where a dress parade of the Hugh de Paynes took place, the evolutions being made in military style and with the promptness and precision of veteran soldiers. In the evening the Grand Concert by Gilmore's Band, assisted by Mr. Barnes, took place. It was a splendid success. The hall was filled with a brilliant and appreciative auditory who listened with enthusiasm to the performance of this famous Band, and the music of Arbuckle's Magic Carpet, and laughed, until the laughter almost changed to tears, at the irresistible wit and humor of Barnes, who is the best comic singer we ever heard.

At the conclusion of the Concert, the dancers took to the floor, Knights and ladies mingling in the "mazy" and keeping up the festivities until a late hour.

On Friday morning, at 8 o'clock, the Hugh de Paynes took their departure by special train en route for Boston. They were accompanied by the officers of Trinity Commandery and its committees of arrangements as far as Portland, where they dined at the Preble House in company with the officers of the Portland Commandery and other distinguished Sir Knights of that city, all as guests of the Hugh de Paynes. This was the climax of a week of rare enjoyment. The occasion was made interesting with speeches, sentiment and music, in which the interchange of fraternal feeling found most eloquent expression. In the afternoon the Hugh de Paynes took the train from Portland, attended to the cars by their Maine brothers, where farewell cheers were given and returned, and safely reached Melrose in the evening.

Thus ended the visit of the Hugh de Paynes to Maine, a chapter in their history as a Commandery and as individuals, which we hope will be long remembered by them, as it is assuredly will by those who had the privilege of receiving and entertaining them.

BASEBALL.—A match game of base ball came off in this city on Monday last, for the "junior championship" of the State, between the Dirigo Club of this city, and the Union Club of Lewiston. The game was played under the direction of the officers of the Union Club, and the referee was Mr. George L. Turner, of Lewiston. The game was very sharp. The Dirigo won the toss and the Unions went to bat.

First inning.—Union. Mack opened the game by striking a foul fly to Pillsbury, which was caught. Dexter sent a grounder to Parker, which he threw to the 1st, and Dexter retired. Litchfield then struck to Porter, which was finely stopped, and then to Pillsbury, thus putting out the Unions with a round.

Second inning.—Dirigo. Parker struck to short stop, who threw it to Dexter, and Ostendorf took a base, Morse out on a fly to left field, caught in fine style. Porter out at 1st, by Kelley to Dexter—the ball went to the shore.—Pillsbury struck to short stop, who threw it to Parker, who had just come to bat, and was out. Parker then struck to short stop, who threw it to Ostendorf, and Ostendorf took a base, Morse out on a fly to right field, caught in fine style. Porter out at 1st, by Kelley to Dexter—the ball went to the shore.—Pillsbury struck to short stop, who threw it to Parker, who had just come to bat, and was out. Parker then struck to short stop, who threw it to Ostendorf, and Ostendorf took a base, Morse out on a fly to right field, caught in fine style. Porter out at 1st, by Kelley to Dexter—the ball went to the shore.—Pillsbury struck to short stop, who threw it to Parker, who had just come to bat, and was out. 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